Review of Nuclear-Non-Proliferation Treaty

181. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prime Minister during his recent visit to Japan has sugested that the NPT should be reviewed;

(b) if so, the lines along which the review has been suggested; and

(c) the reaction of the Japanese Government to this suggestion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) The future of the NPT, along with other related issues, came up for discussion during the Prime Ministers recent visit to Japan. The Prime Minister emphasized that the NPT is a discdriminatory treaty creating a perpetual division of the world between nuclear weapon haves and the have nots.

He pointed out that an international cosensus on nuclear non-proliferation must be based on principles of universality, comprehensiveness and non-discrimination. Prime Minister sug-suggested that the treaty should be reviewed and amended to remove its discriminatory features. The Japanese took note of our position. They said that in light of their concerns over the issue of proliferation. They would like to hold bileteral talks on the subject. We agreed to explore with Japan possibilities for a new international consensus on -non-proli. feration.

Restriction on Entry of Indian consulate Officials in JFK Airport

182. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officials of Indian Consulate in New York are not allowed entry inside JFK Airort to receive visiting Indian VIPs including MPs;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is no similar restriction on US diplomats n India; and

(c) whether Government of India propose to do something in the matter in order to establish reciprocity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Only diplomatic officers of the Consulate are allowed entry into the customasarea on production of visitor's pass issued at a special window. The visitor's pass is issued for meeting certain categories of dignitaries which, however, do not include Members of Parlaiment.

(b) There are no identical restrictions on US diplomats in India. All Diplomatic Missions in India have been issued one non-trasferable photo identity pass and two transferable passes for entry of their officials into airport. These passes give them access to all areas of the airport casses for particularly date and occasion can also be issued as and when requests for such passes are received.

(c) The restrictions for entry inside JFK airport imposed by the US authorities are applicable to all Missions uniformly. The question of establishing reciproity will be reviewed.

Fresh U.S. Missile Control Sanctions against India

183. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) whether the United States of America has announced fresh missile control sanctions against India, alongwith 20 other sanctions; and

(b) if so, the details of sanction; and

(c) the reaction of Government to these measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL

AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The US Government, in June, 1992, notified a list of countries to which no American company can export any product without licence if it has reason to believe that the product will be used for missile design, development, production and use. The list includes India. Other countries in the list are Brazil, China, Iran, North Korea, Pakstan, South Africa & Middle East. This notification is a measure to tighten export controls in due course.

(c) Government regret the US decision. Our space and missile programmes are nationally accepted policies. Government are resolved to achieving self-reliance in both these areas of high technology.

Cases Pending with Regional Passport Offices

184. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases pending with Regional Passport Offices for issue of passport (region-wise);

(b) whether there is any time limit prescribed to issue a passport and;

(c) if so, the cases where such time limit has not been adhered to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) The total number of passport applications pending with 22 Passport Offices in India is 1194655. The region-wise statement is attached (*See* below)

(b) The Government endeavour has been to ensure that passport applications are processed and passports issued within 4-6 weeks.

(c) The total number of cases pending beyond the period of 4 weeks at all Passport Offices is 9,41,781.

Statement

No.	Station	Passport Applications Pending As on 19.6.92	
1.	Ahmedabad	41,028	
2.	Bangalore	30,951	
3.	Bareilly	18,319	
4.	Bhopal	3,909	
5.	Bhubaneshwar	1,668	
6.	Bombay	63,191	
7.	Calcutta	20,085	(20,085)
8.	Chandigarh	77,709	
9.	Cochin	1,50,072	
10.	Delhi	31,331	
11.	Goa	3,807	
12.	Guwahati	2,544	
13.	Hyderabad	91,075	
14.	Jaipur	72,246	
15.	Jalandhar	92,072	
16.	Kozhikode	1,42,199	
17.	Lucknow	65,301	
18.	Madras	78,818	
19.	Nagpur	1,588	
20.	Patna	35,607	
21.	Trichy	1,12,783	
22.	Trivandrum	58,348	
		11,94,655	